



# NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

## CLEAN SWEEP ON THE RIVER AND THE PITCH

Cambridge celebrated an incredible run of sporting success at both the *Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race* and *Blues Varsity* football over the last term. These victories were a great source of pride for the College community, with Emmanuel students placed in almost all the winning boat crews and the winning men's and women's football squads.

Six Emmanuel students were on the Thames this year, a record number for the College and the largest number of athletes participating from a single college (joint with Peterhouse). All triumphed in their respective races.

### Those taking part were:

- Luke Beever (2022) – Men's Crew
- Carina Graf (2020) – Blondie Women's Reserve Crew
- Ellie Sillar (2024) – Blondie Women's Reserve Crew
- Simon Nunayon (2024) – Goldie Men's Reserve Crew
- Freya Clarkson (2021) – Women's Lightweight Crew
- Ben Isherwood (2023) – Men's Lightweight Crew



Emma students **Lucy Rich (2024)** and **Aaran Mehmood (2023)** were instrumental in a double win for Cambridge at this year's *Blues Varsity* football match. The women's Light Blues thrilled the crowd at Cambridge's Abbey Stadium with a 3–2 win, while the men's team stormed to a sensational 4–1 victory.

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## *Students found and launch Vincent Lumsden Society*



Shea Williams and Amber Morrison, co-founders of the Vincent Lumsden Society, at the inaugural event

In March, the inaugural *Vincent Lumsden Society* dinner was held in College. The Society, co-founded by Amber Morrison (2022) and Shea Williams (2022), students of Medicine and Human, Social & Political Sciences respectively, aims to celebrate and support the Black community at Emmanuel through welfare, representation and outreach.

Vincent Lumsden (1952) is a former cricket player, agronomist and broadcaster. Coming up to Emmanuel from his birthplace of Buff Bay, Jamaica, Lumsden's life and legacy serves as inspiration for those behind the Society launched in his honour.

Fellows, students, members and staff enjoyed a convivial reception in the Old Library with talks by Morrison and Williams, the Master and Dr Carol Brown-Leonardi, Founder and Chair of the African Caribbean Research Group, followed by dinner in Hall.

## EMMA ENTERPRISE COMPETITION WINNERS

The *Emma Enterprise* Lab and Competition, now in its second year, is an extra-curricular opportunity for students to develop core enterprise skills including forming ideas, market research, developing business plans, pitching and raising finance, and then put these skills to work in a team-based venture-creation exercise.

The initiative, produced by the *Emma Experience* programme, is supported by experts and practitioners from the Emmanuel community and Cambridge innovation ecosystem, who generously provide mentorship to the teams and judge the final pitches.

This year's winners were IntolerSense, a team led by current PhD student Lukas Pin (2022) and mentored by Damian Crowther (1986), with their concept of a mobile application that helps people track and understand the symptoms of their food intolerances. The technology relies on a pattern



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recognition algorithm, identifying recurring combinations of symptoms across users to enable faster, more accurate insights, with the ultimate goal of supporting more personalised treatment plans with less trial and error.

### *Young's Court wins RIBA awards*

Emmanuel's Young's Court development has won two prizes at the 2025 Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) East awards, including 'Building of the Year'. The largest single building project at Emma for over a century, Young's Court addresses the College's long-held aspiration to accommodate all its undergraduates on-site for the first three years of their degrees.

The architects behind the design, *Stanton Williams*, created a beautiful space that has quickly become a vibrant and much-loved hub of activity for students, Fellows and staff. Part new-build and part retrofit, the scheme introduced new social and informal study areas, as well as residential provision.

The project is one of the fruits of the decade-long *Emma Enables* campaign, which was supported by more than 3,000 donors, for whose generosity we are extremely grateful.



Young's Court has quickly become an integral part of the College estate

### *Members meet the Master in Delhi and Mumbai*



The Master, his wife Helen and Sarah Bendall (Development Director), met Emma members and their families in India this April. Over supper and lunch events in Delhi and Mumbai, they enjoyed catching up with members, with matriculation years ranging from 1956 to 2021, strengthening the bonds between the College and its global membership.

The College is grateful to Dhruv Sawhney (1962) and Sumant Dhamija (1970) for hosting events, and to Manoj Badale (1987) for his kind assistance with the Mumbai stop.

## Leading voices in politics and international relations speak in College

The College welcomed two leading voices from the world of politics and international relations during Lent term.

*The 1584 Society*, Emma's student-led politics, policy and economics society, invited Pippa Crerar, one of the UK's top political journalists, to share insights from her experiences of 'holding power to account' in a behind-the-scenes look at the stories that changed, and continue to shape, politics in the UK.

In February, this year's *Gomes Lecture* saw The Rt Hon. the Baroness Ashton of Upholland LG GCMG speak on rapidly changing geo-political landscapes with the perception and clear-sightedness of a veteran diplomat. Baroness Ashton, a British Labour politician who served as the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and First Vice President of the European Commission from 2009 to 2014, addressed a full lecture theatre of Fellows, members and students.

Baroness Ashton's address can be watched on the College website and will be printed in full in the forthcoming edition of the *Emmanuel College Magazine*.

## College Choir delivers glorious St John Passion

On the final Sunday of Lent term, the College Choir was joined by Cambridge Baroque Camerata and Simon Wall (Evangelist) for a performance of one of Bach's great masterpieces, the *St John Passion*, with other solo roles taken up by members of the Choir. Conducted by Emmanuel's Director of Music, Graham Walker (2022), the performers received a warm reception from the full Chapel.



The final rehearsal for the performance of Bach's *St John Passion*, led by Director of Music Graham Walker

## New Fellows and Bye-Fellows appointed

**In Lent term, the Governing Body elected two new official Fellows of the College:**

• **Dr Muzaffer Kaser (2022)**

Dr Kaser supervises the Neurobiology of Human Behaviour module for pre-clinical students at Emma and is the College's Mental Health Professional Adviser.

• **Dr Andrew Conway Morris (2023)**

Dr Conway Morris is a supervisor for pre-clinical medics. His research focuses on the mechanisms that underpin innate immune dysfunction in critical illness.

**The Governing Body also appointed four new Bye-Fellows:**

• **Dr Camille Lardy (2021)**

Department of Social Anthropology

• **Mr Charles Powell (2017)**

Faculty of Mathematics

• **Dr Jessica Taylor (2022)**

Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute

• **Professor Michele Vendruscolo (2025)**

Yusuf Hamied Department of Chemistry, Centre for Misfolding Diseases

## Emmanuel Society Medics' Dinner sees 180 celebrate in London

February saw Emmanuel Medics descend on London's Royal College of Surgeons of England for the first *Emmanuel Society Medics' Dinner* in five years. Sixty-six years of life experience separated the youngest and oldest of the 180 members in attendance, and a shared passion for medicine and foundations built at Emma ensured an evening of good food and great conversation.

Dr Richard Barnes, Life Fellow and former University Senior Lecturer in Physiology, Director of Studies and Senior Tutor, an influential figure in the educational experience of many in the room, was the speaker and highlighted the warmth of the life-long Emma bond.

The College is thankful to all members who supported students and recent graduates to attend this dinner. Students commented on the invaluable and hugely enjoyable experience of meeting members of the Emma community with backgrounds ranging from neurosurgery and obstetrics to psychiatry and general practice.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Old Emma v College Cricket Match

Friday 20 June 2025, 11.00am, Wilberforce Road Sports Ground

The annual fixture, now in its seventh decade, pits members against the student team and is always guaranteed to produce some drama! Come along to support your chosen side.

### From Tudor Essex to the South Pacific: 400 Years of Family History through Emmanuel and the Changing Church

Thursday 26 June 2025, 6.00pm, Online

Historian John Harding (1963) traces his family's remarkable journey from his nine-times great-grandfather John Malden, who entered the College in 1623, to the present day. In a special online talk for the Emmanuel Society, he draws on his well-researched family tree to explore themes of social mobility, Pacific exploration and religious transformation.

### Frankland Society & Loyal Donor Circle Lunch

Sunday 29 June 2025, 12.30pm, Emmanuel College

This is our opportunity to say 'thank you' to members of the Frankland Society (those who have pledged a legacy to the College) and Loyal Donor Circle (those who have given to the College consistently over a ten-year period).

Eligible members have been contacted.

### Supporters' Garden Party

Saturday 12 July 2025, 2.30pm, Emmanuel College

As a way of thanking donors to the College, members are invited to a family garden party. Expect great food, entertainment and conversation for all ages.

Eligible members have been contacted.

### Emmanuel Society London Drinks, September 2025

Tuesday 16 September 2025, 6.00pm, Bunghole Cellars, Davy's at Holborn, 57 High Holborn, WC1V 6DT

Our twice-a-year networking drinks in London for members across subjects and years. As is tradition there will be a chance to win a bottle of Emmanuel College port for all attendees, so do arrive in plenty of time if you can!

### *Gathering of Members*

- 20–21 September 2025 for those who matriculated in 1967, 1968 and 1969
- 27–28 September 2025 for those who matriculated in 1970, 1971 and 1972

Two Gatherings of Members will take place in College in September. Members will reunite in Cambridge for a relaxed and enjoyable programme, including a formal dinner on the Saturday night.

Eligible members will be contacted in July.

### *Visit*

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*for all events*

### *Careers Database*

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